

24 September 1959

25X1A9a

25X1A7b

Dear Roger:

Subject: Austrian Press Scrutiny
Material

25X1A7b

We have been reviewing the Austrian press scrutiny material filed by [REDACTED] in recent weeks and find the file has been tightened considerably. Apparently the number of papers being scrutinized has been reduced from 25, (as reported by Howard on 27 May) to about nine. It is felt the number could be reduced further if it is found necessary to free manpower for other work.

In general, Bureau selection of material for briefs is good. However, somewhat tighter briefing of the items would produce a more useful file for the Daily Report. In almost all cases, we find the meat of the item can be compressed into a brief one-half or even one-third of the size filed. It is realized this will not lessen and may even increase the amount of bureau editorial time involved, but it is better done in the Bureau than by the area desk in the Report section, which may find it necessary to discard rather than rewrite with the existing limitations in time and space.

25X1A7b

Please express [REDACTED] our appreciation for the progress made to date in the Division-wide campaign to compress the file.

Sincerely,

25X1A9a

[REDACTED] A7b
Acting Chief, [REDACTED]

cc: Chief, Editorial Branch
25X1A9a